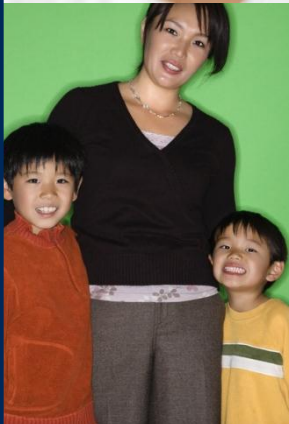


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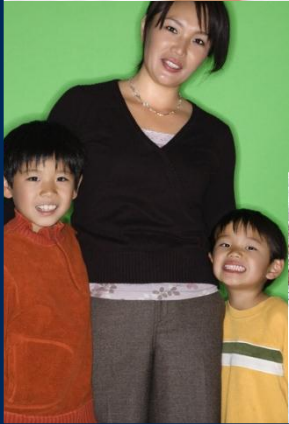


SHIELDS for Families



SHIELDS is a non-profit agency serving the Compton and Watts communities of South Los Angeles. We provide 35 programs, act as the lead agency in 5 collaboratives and a partner in 4, with over 60 partnerships with agencies serving this community. We currently have approximately 380 employees and an annual budget of \$26 million, involving over 50 contracts from multiple sources. SHIELDS programs are offered in multiple sites in the community, including 18 school locations.





SHIELDS for Families



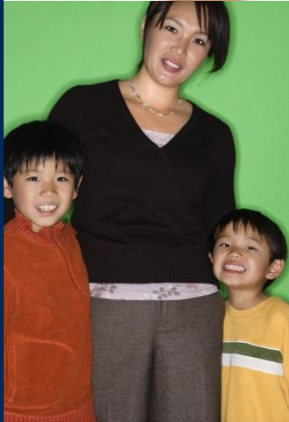
SHIELDS programs include:

- 10 Substance Abuse Programs
- 12 Mental Health Programs
- Community Assessment Center
- 4 Youth Programs/CBA
- 5 Child Development Programs
- Family Preservation
- Family Support
- ASK Prevention Initiative
- Jericho Vocational Services Center
- Adoption Support
- Federal Healthy Start Program
- ACT Partnership for Families
- Jordan Downs Family First
- Legal Services
- 126 Units of Low-income Housing
- Transportation/Food Bank

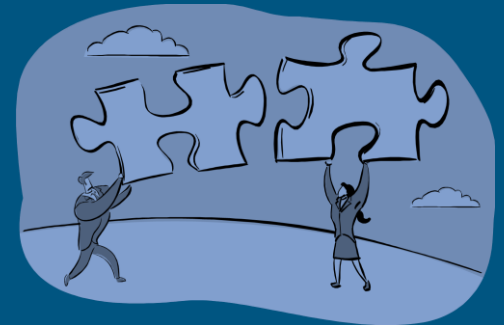


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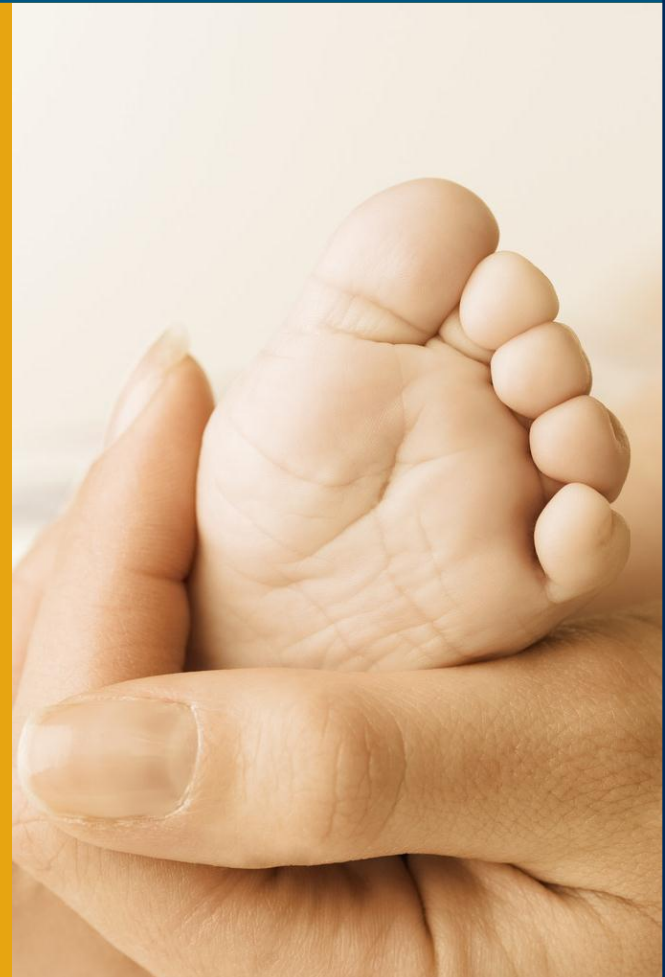


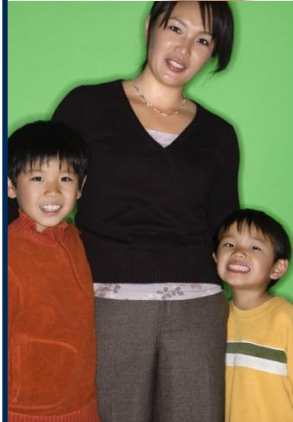
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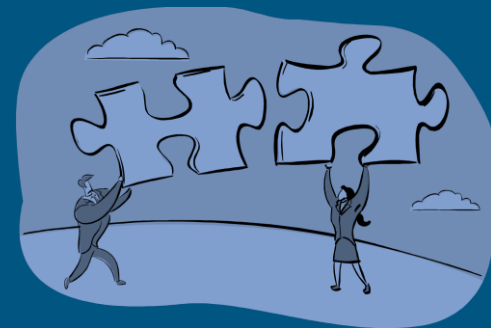
SHIELDS began providing Child Welfare Services in 1992 as one of the first 9 agencies selected to work with the Department of Children and Family Services to offer Community Based Services.

SHIELDS now works with the Department to provide a full continuum of services – from prevention through treatment.





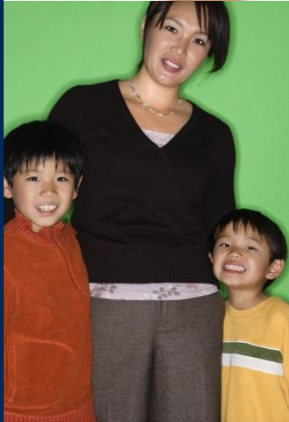
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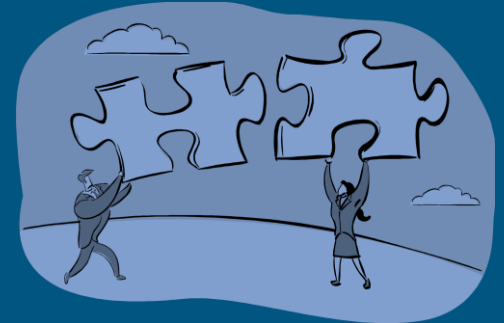
ASK, Prevention Initiative Demonstration Program (2008)

- 4 Family Resource Centers
- Linkage and Support Services
- On-site Legal and Vocational
- Serve 10,000 families annually
- 75% from the community
- Over 30,000 linkages provided
- Only 12% recidivism for DCFS referred cases vs. 23% for DCFS families not accessing ASK services.





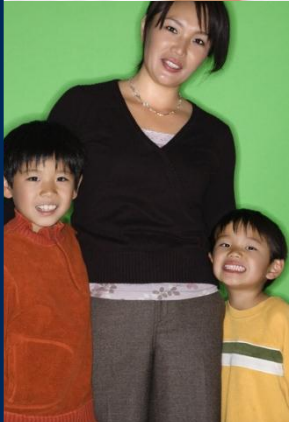
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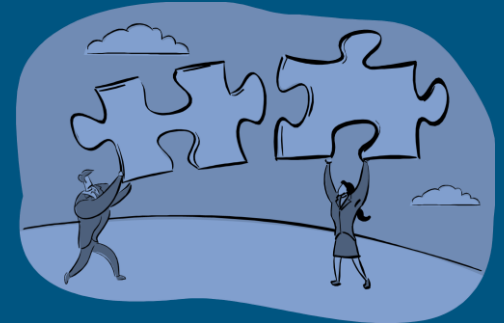
Family Support (1997)

- Community and DCFS diversion
- In-Home Case Management
- Support Groups On-site:
Parenting, Domestic Violence,
Anger Management
- Educational: ESL, Basic Skills
and High School, Computer
Training
- Over 230 families served last
year
- Over 85% successfully
completed





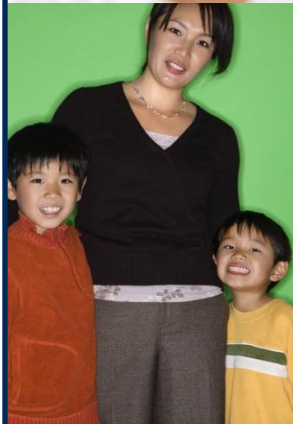
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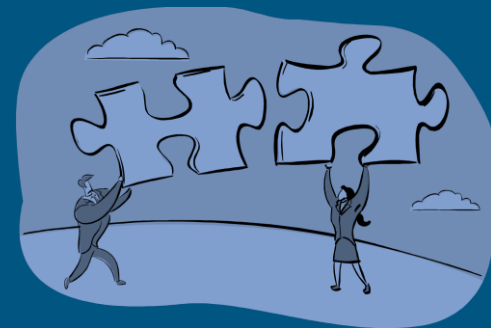
ACT: Achieving Change Together/Partnership for Families (2005)

- DCFS diversion for high risk families with children 0-5
- In-Home Case Management
- Support Groups On-site
- Child Development Center
- Over 200 families with 500 children served annually
- Collaborative One Stop with 7 core and 52 Partner Agencies
- Recidivism rate less than 7%





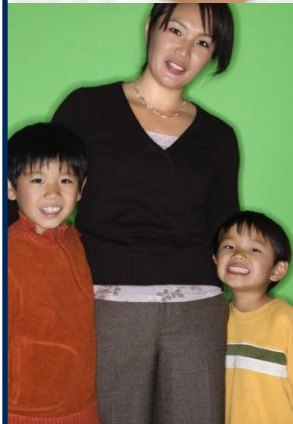
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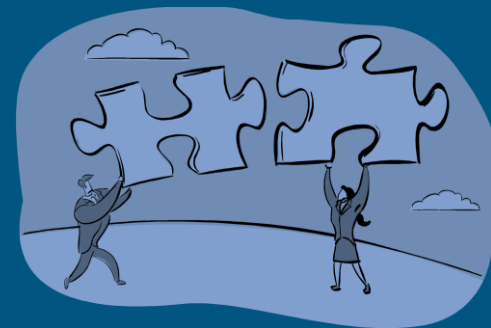
UFA: Up Front Assessments (2004)

- Pilot Agency for UFAs
- Assess parental capacity for SA, MH and DV involved families
- First year reduced out-of-home placement by over 50%
- Implemented County Wide 2009
- Over 5000 assessments conducted since 2004
- Cost savings in first 5 years estimated at \$10 million





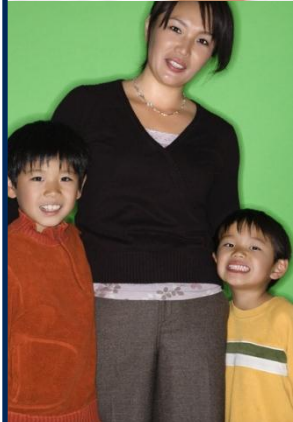
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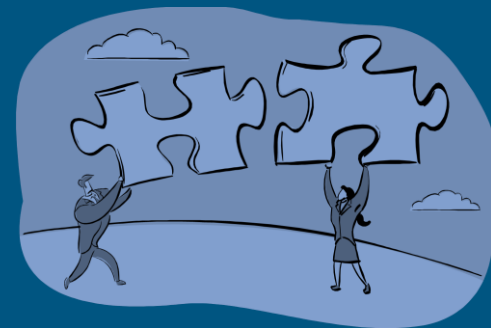
MAT: Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (2007)

- Pilot Agency for MAT
- Assess children in out of home placement, biological parents and foster care/kinship caregivers
- Increased reunification and permanency outcomes
- Annually over 150 children, their families and their caregivers assessed





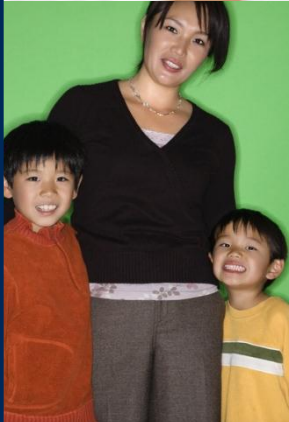
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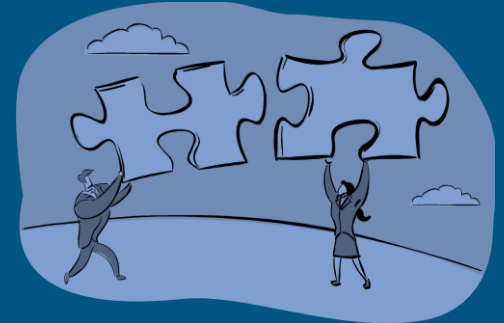
Family Preservation/Alternative Response (1992/1997)

- One of 9 agencies selected to initiate Family Preservation.
- Reduced out-of-home placement by 30% in first 2 years
- Pilot Agency for Alternative Response in 1997, now Countywide.
- Over 150 families served last year
- 85% successfully completed FP; 100% completed ARS last year





Child Welfare Services



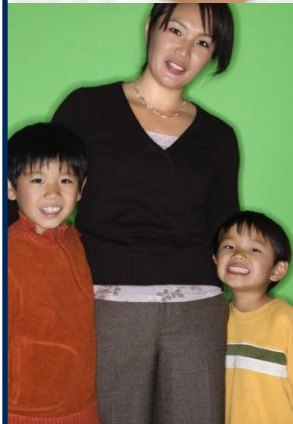
Adoption Promotion Support Services (2005)

- Support services to adoptive and legal guardianship families to sustain permanency
- On-site and in-home mental health and case management
- Over 50 families served annually
- 90% successful completions

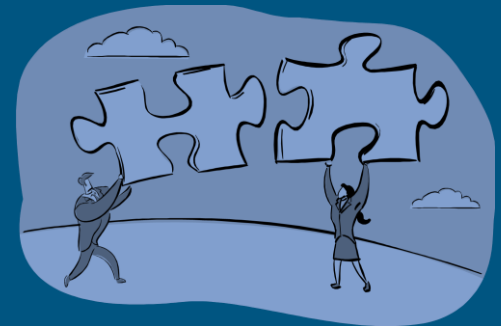
Partnership with Community Coalition Kinship in Action (2011)

- Therapist provides mental health services for kin caregivers



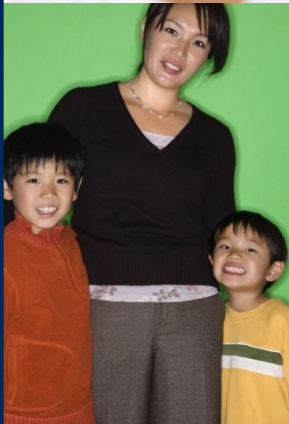


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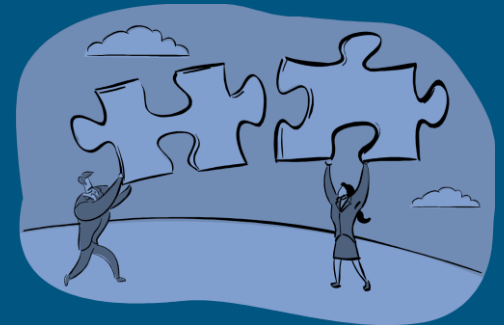


SHIELDS Substance Abuse Treatment integrates child welfare services into our Family Centered model. Participants are able to enroll their entire family into services to enhance positive outcomes for all and prevent the intergenerational cycle of abuse from continuing. Working in **partnership with DCFS**, we are able to **maintain** families that agree to services, **reunify** families rapidly, **avoid court involvement** through voluntary services and **decrease recidivism** to less than 5%.





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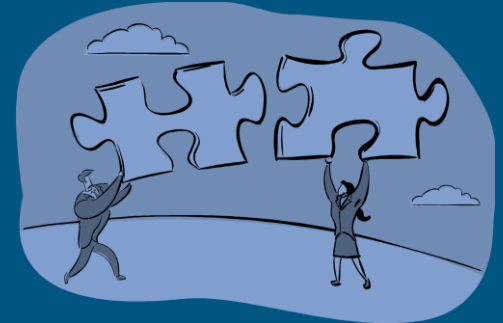
During the last year:

- 362 families enrolled in treatment
- 405 Youth (6-18) in Heros/Sheros
- 115 Children (0-5) in Child Development Centers
- 220 Developmental Assessments
- 816 Child Development Home Visits
- 388 Parenting Certificates
- 100% Drug Free Births
- 0% Low Birth Weight Births
- 100% of Youth received Mental Health services





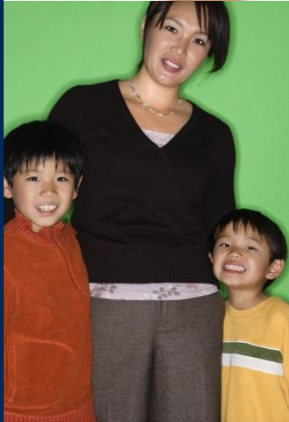
Family Centered Treatment



During the last year:

- 82% Gained Child Visitation
- 69% Reunified
- Provided Housing to over 250 families in treatment
- 78% of families successfully completed treatment
- 100% graduated with high school diplomas
- 100 of those who completed were permanently housed
- 163 of those who completed were employed





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